

MINUTES: State Collaborative for System of Care

CHAIRPERSONS: Joel Rosch and Pat Solomon

LOCATION: Governor's Crime Commission

1202 Front St. 733-4564

DATE: October 25, 2002

START TIME: 9:00 a.m.

END TIME: 11:00 a.m.

NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I	X	Joann Haggerty, CAI	X	Stephanie Nantz, GCC	
Austin Connors, CFSA-NC	X	JoAnn Lamm, DSS		Steve Shore, NCPS	
Beth Melcher, NCAMI		Joel Rosch, CCFP	X	Susan Coleman, WCH	
Beverly Hester, WCH	X	John R. Hayes, F.United		Susan Robinson, DMH-CF	
Brad Trotter, DHOH-DMH		John Tote, MHA		Susan Whitten, DJJDP	X
Carol Duncan-Clayton, CCP	X	Kirstin Frescoln, AOC	X	Tara Larson, DMH/DD/SA	
Carol Robertson, DMA		Lana Dial, AOC		William Hussey, MHPC	
Carol Tant, WCHS		Larry Hayes, DJJDP		Charlotte Craver, Value Options	
Marie Britt, DMA	X	Lee Lewis, DMH-SA	X	Michael Lancaster, Value Options	
Cheryl Waller, CSHS		Linda Gunn-Jones, DMH		OTHERS:	
Chuck Harris, DSS		Linda Swann, NAMI	X	Alicia Graham	
Connie Hawkins, ECAC		Lynda Richard, DMH-DD	X	Antonio Coors	
David Horowitz, TPC		Mark Ezzell, GCC		Barbara Thomas, DMH	X
Diann Irwin, DPI		Mark O'Donnell, DMH/CF		Joy Gossett, DSS	
Don Herring, DMH-CFS	X	Martin Pharr, DJJDP	X	Dr. Richard Visingardi	X
Donn Hargrove, DJJDP	X	Michael Owens, NCCCP	X	Miriam Saxon AOC	
Elizabeth Brown, DMH		Michael Schweitzer, DJJDP	X	Karen Taylor-George DOC	
Jan Hood, AOC		Michelle Zechmann, GCC		Al Singer, NCCAI and Durham Child Adv.	X
Jane Volland, GAL		Pat Solomon, F.United	X	Tina Howard, Gov. Crime Comm.	X
Jennifer Mahan, MHANC	X	Robin Huffman, NCPA		Terrell Wright, Wake PS	
Jennifer Sullivan, NASW		Sally Cameron, NCPA		Janet Clark-McLean, DJJDP--C.A. Dillon	X
Judy Ritchie, MHA		Sandra Sink, DSS	X	Brandy Bynum, CAI	
		Stephanie Alexander, DMH	X		

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS	ACTION by Whom and When
(1) Welcome & Introductions Approval of Minutes	Pat Solomon welcomed participants. Minutes of Oct. 11 meeting were approved.	
(2) State Plan Update Dr. Visingardi	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Dr. Visingardi reported that major work is being done to develop financial strategies that fit the state plan at the Division and Department levels. In addition to key state agencies (MH/DD/SAS, DMA, Office of Policy and Planning, Controller's Office, etc.), the Division has also contracted with Technical Assistance Collaboration and Prado Solutions to work on this. TAC brings experience from having worked with most other states and area programs in NC becoming LMEs.2. Work groups within MH/DD/SAS have worked on specific tasks and products related to implementation of the state plan. These products, some of which have fiscal implications, have been	

	<p>delivered to the Executive Leadership Team and are being reviewed. Some of these will be disseminated soon.</p> <p>3. Reorganization: the current version is due out by the end of October and will include FTEs. Two additional teams have been added to Community Services: (1) Justice Systems Innovations and (2) Prevention and Early Intervention. Dr. Visingardi stressed that teams must engage persons from other teams and stakeholders in order to be effective.</p> <p>Chief of Advocacy and Customer Services position: Applications have been screened (without names) and interviews are being scheduled. The state has given latitude regarding requirements for the position. Volunteers have been requested for the review process and every effort has been made to make this process fair and equitable. Regardless, the person who fills this position will face challenges and will need support from professionals, consumers, and the State Collaborative members.</p>	
<p>(4) Discussion of Whitaker School Transition Don Herring</p>	<p>Whitaker School was scheduled to be closed effective 6/30/03. The Director's position was eliminated in the final General Assembly budget bill, and he will be leaving 10/31/02. The school is responsible for assessing what the youth who are currently there, as well as those on the waiting list, need locally.</p> <p>The Request for Application process for developing regional Level IV services was not successful. The one provider chosen to develop regional Level IV services (in New Bern) has withdrawn. Issues that make it difficult to provide Level IV services: (1) intense service provision is required with low reimbursement rates; (2) 3 month start up period requires a large up-front financial outlay by providers. The amount of funds provided by the state for the start-up period was not sufficient. The Child and Family Section will be recruiting providers, both in state and out of state. Criteria for selection will include evidenced based practice, with at least 3 years of demonstrated effective outcomes.</p>	<p>Dr. Visingardi indicated that he can request additional funds for the start-up period. A group will be convened at the Division level on 10/31/02 to address the Whitaker issue and integrate this into the overall plan for family/youth MH/DD/SA local capacity-building with the planning for closing state hospital beds.</p>
<p>(5) Report from Local MOA Committee Stephanie Alexander</p>	<p>Stephanie Alexander reported that the Local MOA Committee has been asked to include some changes to the state MOA due to the recent CTSP legislation. These changes will be completed; then the Committee will work on the local MOA template.</p>	
<p>(6) Presentation of Case with Multi-Agency Issues Dept. of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention</p>	<p>Janet Clark-McLean, Psychologist from C.A. Dillon Youth Development Center, presented a case in which there are barriers (communication, funding, etc.) among agencies related to service planning for the youth involved. It was determined that problem-solving on this particular case could take place only with all involved parties/agencies represented and prepared. Dr. Visingardi pointed out that problem-solving needs to be done at the local level and the outcomes reported back to the State Collaborative. The State Collaborative needs to work on systems issues, i.e. provide a model to local agencies for systematically</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Don Herring and Child/Family Services Section will contact all "accountable parties" related to the case presented today and organize a meeting, probably via conference call. The meeting will proceed only if all "accountable parties" are present. Dr. Visingardi will participate if possible. 2. Establish a subcommittee of the State Collaborative that

	addressing solving these problems.	will (1) develop a systematic model for communication and problem-solving related to "difficult" cases; and (2) serve as a review body for such cases when requested and be able to recommend "best practice" treatment strategies. The subcommittee will complete (1) before addressing case-specific issues. A sign-up list for this subcommittee was circulated.
(7) Collaborative Standing Committee Updates Assessment Training Evaluation	<p>Joel Rosch reported that the Assessment Committee is compiling a list of assessment tools used by the various human service agencies. Good input has been received from the schools. In addition to specific tools, this grid can also provide information about domains, and can inform agencies about the types of assessment information that may be available from other agencies.</p> <p>The Training Committee is also developing a grid that shows what various agencies are currently doing related to training.</p> <p>The Evaluation Committee is comparing what agencies are currently doing related to evaluation.</p>	
(8) Other Business	<p>Pat Solomon requested agenda items from members for future meetings. The following were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from Value Options on gaps in service provision • Youth Development Centers' Assessment Center • Multiple Response System being piloted by DSS • Juvenile Justice legislative changes <p>Dr. Michael Lancaster reported that Value Options is currently collecting the following information from providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the child have a Child & Family Team? • Are there multiple agencies involved in the CFT? • Does anyone from your team/unit/branch participate in the Local Community Collaborative? • Were alternative services considered before requesting residential or IP? • Has there been training in CFT/SOC? <p>Al Deitch reported that the Youth Advocacy Office re-opened on October 3 with three staff. All is Interim Director.</p> <p>Austin Connors reported that the director of Crossnore School will be interviewed by Bill Friday on Channel 4 tonight at 9:00 and again on Oct. 27 at 5:30.</p>	
(9) Next Meeting	November 8, 2002 from 8:30 - 10:30 at Child Advocacy Institute	